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Ex-CIA agent and informer Mulcahy is found dead at Va. mountain cabin

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Washington — Kevin Mulcahy, the ex-CIA agent who turned in Edwin Wilson and other former U.S. spies for allegedly helping Libyan terrorists, was found dead yesterday morning on the porch of a tourist cabin he had rented in the Shenandoah Mountains of Virginia.

The body was discovered slumped against the front door of the cabin by another resident of the Mountain View Court Motel at Bowman's Crossing, about 7 miles south of Woodstock off U.S. 11 in Shenandoah county.

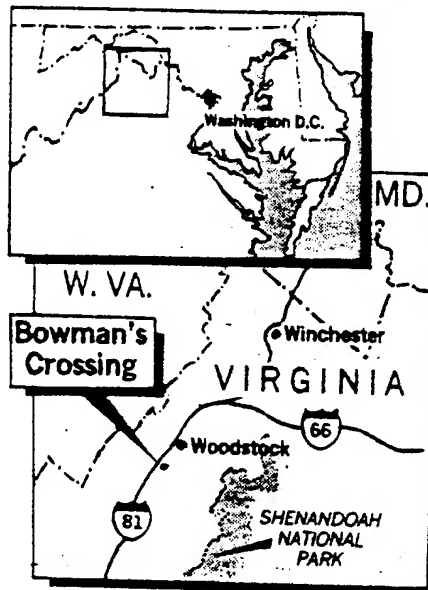
Local authorities said there were no signs of injury or foul play. The body was taken to Fairfax county in the Washington suburbs for an autopsy, which is expected today. Federal officials said early reports did not indicate foul play but that they were waiting for the medical examiner's report.

In Washington, the FBI said it was watching the case to determine if a federal investigation would be necessary. Mr. Wilson is awaiting trial on a number of federal charges stemming from his work for Libya. He was indicted in 1980 along with another former spy, Frank Terpil, who remains at large.

Earlier this year, Rafael Villaverde, a Cuban who allegedly met with Mr. Wilson to discuss an assassination plot, was killed in a boat explosion near Miami. Bahamian authorities ruled that no foul play was involved.

Mr. Mulcahy, 39, was found minutes after 8 a.m. and had apparently been dead for hours, according to Gary Dalton, a county deputy sheriff. The body was found between the cabin's screen door and the locked front door.

Deputy Dalton told the Associated Press that the FBI had sealed off Mr. Mulcahy's room. FBI spokesman Roger Young



said in Washington that the step was taken "as a precaution in the event this was in any way related to the government's investigations of Wilson and Terpil."

According to the account given local reporters by other residents of the tourist court, Mr. Mulcahy's last days appeared to be filled with bouts of drinking and disturbances. The grim, nighttime finale came at the cabin's locked door where Mr. Mulcahy slumped, his wool suit trousers at his ankles, while rain fell and overnight temperatures dropped to 34 degrees.

As reporters Tim Justice and Jean MacCracken of the *Northern Virginia Daily* at Strasburg reconstructed events, Mr. Mulcahy checked into the motel October 20 and by Monday, October 25, motel operator David Stalker had asked him to leave because of his drinking.

In one episode, Mr. Mulcahy was said to have fired a shotgun through a glass door. In another, he attempted to drive his pick-

up truck but repeatedly slumped over on the steering wheel, sounding the horn and calling out "David," in a possible reference to the motel operator.

The body was found by Della Morris, a permanent resident at the motel.

Last Saturday, Mr. Mulcahy left the motel and returned with a case of what witnesses said appeared to be bottles of liquor.

Mrs. Morris told reporters that Mr. Mulcahy had a confrontation with the motel operator and appeared to be "real stag-gery."

Mr. Mulcahy had a history of problem drinking. In fact, it was when he appeared to have overcome the problem in 1976 that he went to work at \$50,000 a year in an export business run by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Terpil.

Mr. Mulcahy discovered their dealings with the radical regime of Libya's Col. Muammar el Kadhafi and finally went to U.S. authorities after becoming convinced that their actions were not sanctioned by the CIA that once employed them all.

The dead man was the son of a career CIA agent. His own CIA career lasted five years in the mid-60s, when he was an expert in computers and communications.

An intelligence official who remembers the younger Mr. Mulcahy says he was good at technical aspects of his job, but was too naive and not good at "agency." He resigned in 1968 to enter a private electronics business.

Mr. Wilson is being held in lieu of \$60 million bail. He is charged with illegally shipping explosives to Libya and with other crimes. Federal prosecutors say he developed a terrorist training program in Libya, where he lived from 1980 to 1982.

This summer, the Justice Department set an international trap that lured Mr. Wilson to the United States. He was apprehended at Kennedy Airport after arriving in New York via the Dominican Republic.